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## \$4.00 PER CAPITA.

### Pay of Kentucky Teachers for 1912 Fixed.

### Lawrence County Teachers Will Receive About \$4.20 Per Pupil. After Adding the Dog Tax.

Frankfort, Ky., July 30.—The school per capita for the ensuing year, as announced to-day by Superintendent of Public Instruction Markdale Hamlett, will be \$4, a reduction of forty cents from last year's per capita by reason of a deficit in the school fund, caused by failure of revenues for the current year to equal the estimate given the State Superintendent, and reductions in the estimated revenue from the estimate made a year ago.

The deficit in the school fund resulting from last year's overdraft is approximately \$86,000, as reported by the State Auditor. Including this deficit, the Auditor estimates the school fund for the ensuing year at \$2,982,954.66, as compared with an estimate of \$3,347,004.02 last year. This estimated revenue is apportioned among 741,928 children of school age, an increase of 1,500 over last year's scholastic census.

In announcing the apportionment Supt. Hamlett said: "Four dollars is the absolute limit of possibility upon the estimate. I think it is conservative and hope that the revenues will exceed the apportionment; but that we can not tell in advance. My ultimate aim is to create a sufficient surplus to extend the school year from six to seven months, and, at all events, to avoid a deficit if possible."

The school census shows evidence of a movement of negroes from the country to the cities, or to other States. While the rural schools report a decrease of 3,827 in negro children, the colored city schools report an increase of 4,684.

Last year the Lawrence county per capita was increased 21 cents by the dog tax. This year should be about the same.

### Death of Mr. Goddard.

Mr. E. C. Goddard, son-in-law of the Rev. Dr. Thomas Hanford, of this city died in Macon, Ga., on Sunday last, following an operation for appendicitis. Burial occurred at Elmwood, near Cincinnati, probably on Wednesday of this week. Dr. Hanford and his daughter, Miss Alice, left Louisa on Tuesday morning to attend the funeral, the date for which they did not at that time know. A week or more before Mr. Goddard's death Dr. Hanford was informed of the sudden and critical illness of his son-in-law. Later he was informed that some improvement had occurred. The doctor was not surprised, however, to learn that death had occurred.

Mr. Goddard was a locomotive engineer, and was skilled and experienced in his responsible vocation. He had visited Louisa several times and impressed very favorably all who met him. He was a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and carried insurance in that body. He was 36 years old and is survived by a widow but no children.

### RELIGIOUS CYCLONE CAMPAIGN.

A cyclonic religious campaign in the Big Sandy valley, conducted by R. B. Neal, will be made soon.

The campaign will begin at Grayson, August 9th. Castletown, Louisa, Paintsville, Salyersville, Pikeville, Camp Branch, Harold, Little Mud, Toler's Creek, Little Creek, Island Creek and other places will be visited.

A day and a night will be taken with each meeting. While the exact date of the meeting in this city can not be named now it is safe to say that it will be about August 13. Particulars in this paper later.

Ray L. Brown will be the chief speaker, and Emmett Snyder and Leighton Brown will lead the music.

### Narrow Escape from Death.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Castle, of West Huntington and Mr. Castle's sister, Miss Moxley, of Bowen, had a miraculous escape from a terrible death last night at 8:50 at the B. and O. railroad crossing at Twelfth street and Railroad avenue, west, when a runaway auto in which they had been driving, was struck by B. and O. passenger train No. 719 and demolished.

All three persons in the auto saved their lives by jumping from the car when they saw that their lives were about to be snuffed out. The passenger train was coming along at a fast speed and according to eye witnesses to the affair, the engine carried no headlight.

The approaching train was unnoticed by the parties until within one hundred feet of the auto. Mrs. Castle was the first to see the train and she gave a startling cry which caused Mr. Castle to stop the car almost instantly and it came to a stop just in the middle of the track. Quickly realizing their danger, the three persons jumped from the auto to just an instant before the engine hit the auto and sent it hurtling over into a ditch. With the exception of their scare incident to their harrowing accident, Mr. and Mrs. Castle and Miss Moxley were little the worse for their experience.

A large number of people witnessed the near-tragedy and there were many terrifying cries as the engine plunged into the auto, some thinking that he persons in the car had been killed. Dr. Waldeck was summoned to the scene and administered to the ladies.

Castle is a well known electrician and was a candidate for assessor in the recent Democratic primary. His car, a Metz roadster, is a complete ruin. The cow-catcher of the engine was torn off in the collision.—Huntington Herald.

Mr. Castle is a Lawrence county boy who, like others from this section, has gone out from us and has, as the modern saying is, "made good." He is a son of Mr. Winfield Castle, of Lick creek, and a nephew of Mr. G. W. Castle, of this city.

### KILLING OF LEE PATRICK.

### Particulars of the Latest Magoffin County Homicide.

Readers of this paper may remember that in the NEWS of July 26 was given a short account of a homicide which occurred in Salyersville on Saturday, July 20. The following story of what led to the killing, also the testimony of one of the twelve witnesses for the commonwealth is given. This is taken from the Salyersville Mountaineer, and to it is added an editorial from the same paper:

"The excitement caused by the murder of Mack Bailey by Bud Collins had not subsided when Lee Patrick was stabbed and instantly killed by Clarence Arnett last Saturday.

From the information that we have it seems that Lee Patrick's wife, who was a sister of Role Mink, had left Patrick a year or so ago. Ar Arnett, Role Mink's father-in-law, was attorney for Patrick's former wife. A compromise had been reached wherein Patrick was to pay \$200. He had borrowed the money and come to town to settle the matter. Ar told him that he must pay an additional sum of \$25 to his son Ern for service. This Patrick refused to do which brought about the beginning of the trouble.

Since the statements about this case are somewhat conflicting we have decided to give our readers the substance of what a number of the witnesses for the prosecution testified. The defense introduced no proof. The commonwealth introduced 12 witnesses."

### Testimony of Jim Crace.

I was in the Adams pool room. I heard some loud talking on the outside and recognized Ern Arnett's voice. I heard him invite Lee Patrick to fight him. Lee said something and laughed. Ern started at him and got within a few feet of Lee and Lee put his hand back like he had a pistol. They got near the pool room door and Ern got up in

the door and got over next to the counter on the right side. Lee then came up in the door and Clarence after him. As soon as Lee entered the room Ern closed him and had around him his arms and Clarence ran in while Ern was holding him and stabbed him in the breast with a large knife. Lee then sunk down or he and Ern fell on the floor and Ern commenced to strike him in the face with his fist. A short time before the killing my brother, Will Crace, and me come down the walk near the pool room. Lee Patrick and Ar Arnett were having some words. I heard Lee say, Ar you got mad at me for nothing. Go on, I don't want any trouble with you.

Jackson L. Arnett, deputy sheriff, pulled Ern Arnett off from Patrick and arrested him within a few minutes and put him, Ar Clarence, Arby Arnett and Roll Mink, in jail. Judge Gardner had the State Guards around the jail Saturday and they remained there until Tuesday.

Judge Salyer was related to Arnett and Esquire Shepherd Cole was objected to by the prosecution. Cole is said to have taken a fee from the defendants and Esquire Wallace Cole tried the case. He surprised many people by fixing Clarence Arnett's bond at \$3,000 and Ern Arnett's bond at \$2,500, and acquitted Ar Arnett and Roll Mink. Bond was filled and Arnett's are again at large.

It is hoped that there will be no further trouble. Many, however expect it if Arnett get to drinking.

### EDITORIAL.

"Honesty is the best policy" in politics as well as business.

### Our Values of Human Lives.

"Lee Patrick was the sixth man to be murdered in Magoffin within twelve months time. The other 5 were Leck Whit, Buddy Whit, James Harper, Samuel P. Simer and Mack Bailey.

The editor has been in three other counties since the last murder was committed and he was almost always asked questions like this: "What do you people mean? Will you people never stop murdering? Don't you people have any law or any officers?"

One of the relatives of Ern Arnett told the editor of the Mountaineer only a few days since "Ern is going to kill some one or get killed before he stops." He referred to the time when Ern took the editor into an upper room at night followed by Jack and Clarence Arnett. It seems that almost every one thought that they had planned murder then but were prevented by the women. Two days later Jack attempted murder when he demanded an apology or the editor's life.

Many people in town are afraid to express themselves on this murder, but the greater number of the people from the country speak freely, and practically all that we have heard talk, say that it is one of the worst murders that Magoffin has ever had.

We have no desire to prejudice any person one way or the other but we do say that if these people have conspired and committed a foul murder we see no reason why they should not be punished the same as you and I would be. If they are innocent they should be acquitted. We fear that anything but justice will cause more lives to be lost."

### CHANGE OF LOCATION.

Dr. S. P. Quisenberry, who had been practicing dentistry in this city several months, has gone to Hopkinsville, this State, where he will practice with a dentist of that city.

The office vacated by Dr. Quisenberry has been taken by Dr. C. B. Walter, who has recently moved to this place. Some changes are being made in the rooms and they will be fitted up in the most approved style. Temporarily, Dr. Walter may be found in the room next his main office.

### For Taking Forbidden Fruit.

Millard Jenkins was arrested and placed in jail a few days ago for entering Snyder brothers' orchard just below Louisa and taking some apples. The trial took place Tuesday and the fine and costs charged up against him amounted to about \$20.00. It is cheaper and more respectable to buy apples this year.

## BULL MOOSE

### Convention Held at Louisa Last Saturday.

### Delegates to the Roosevelt Convention Named.—Barbecue to be Held Later in this County.

A very interesting event occurred in the city of Louisa last Saturday. Let us be more explicit and say it happened Saturday, July 27, 1912, at or about 2:30 p. m. and it was the first thing of the kind that ever happened in the county, being no less than the birth of a new party. Births, you know, are usually "expected," and this one was no exception. In fact, the day and even the hour of its advent were named, and the presiding genius, the doctor, had been engaged. The court house was to be the scene of so important occasion, and, as is customary, many of the neighbors had gathered in friendly convocation. Dr. Taylor Billups was chief of staff, with numerous assistants. Among these were Prof. C. L. Miller, Drs. Henry Johns, G. W. Atkinson, J. W. Perry, W. W. Young and others who were ready to give advice and aid if needed. Among these were "Aunt Joe," who, after the manner of her kind, enlivened the festivities by the relation of many interesting reminiscences of her early days. The new arrival was immediately named Progressive Bull Moose, and is heir to all the trials and tribulations common to infants. But a truce to pleasanties, and to speak in sober truth:

Quite a large number of dissatisfied Republicans, together with some who say they are entirely satisfied, and a still larger number of Democrats, gathered in the court house on last Saturday afternoon, pursuant to the call of T. B. Billups, Progressive County Chairman, who called the meeting to order and suggested C. L. Miller for chairman of the meeting. Mr. Miller, who had been chairman of the "regular" Republican convention a month or two ago, thanked the convention for the renewed honor and proceeded to rip the "regulars" from Alpha to Omega. He charged the Taft administration with broken pledges, bad faith, robbery, rapacity and rascality, with upward revision of the tariff and the decline of government of the people, by the people and for the people. In fact he put to blush the most radical pronouncements of the most ultra Democrats, greatly to the education and delight of his hearers. Mr. Miller has been a close observer of things in the world of politics, and having shaken the dust of the dead past from his garments he felt free to prance in the fresh fields and green pastures of the living present. Henry Johns, the postmaster at Walbridge, was made secretary. On motion the chairman appointed a committee of five on resolutions.

These were Joe Swetnam, T. B. Billups, G. W. Atkinson, J. W. Perry and W. W. Young. They retired and soon reported resolutions approving the call for the convention and naming several prominent "Progressive" Republicans as delegates to the district convention to be held at Ashland. Following a motion to adopt the report of the committee Joe Swetnam addressed the meeting in a way all his own. The man who can beat it or even imitate it is entitled to a bigger and better bouquet than uncle Tip More gave Joe when he had finished his speech. The NEWS called the speech he made to the "regular" convention some time ago a "June sweetener." This one was a Rome beauty, an August tart and a Ben Davis rolled into one. He charged the old party to which he had belonged—emphatically upon the "had"—with many offenses, summing up with admitting that it had even gone so far as to steal the presidency from Samuel J. Tilden. It grieved him, he said, to turn his back upon the party of his youth, the party of his father, but

he had come to the parting of the ways and he welcomed the new Progressives. He had been told not to attend this meeting; that certain lights of the party would not be there, but he was proud to be a member of the "one gallus" gang, and he was here.

After adopting the report of the committee it was decided to hold a barbecue near Adams some time in September. You may be sure this will be a big event.

At the Saturday meeting a fair count of the crowd showed the presence of 38 Democrats, 20 "regulars" and 37 Progressives. Many of these were from Louisa and the immediate vicinity. There had been a damaging storm but a day or two before, and people were at home putting things in shape. A rally in September will tell a different story. Teddy seems to be demonstrating the fact that he can "come back" in his tilt with his party colleagues, but the alignment for and against his movement is creating some curious divisions in the Republican party, especially among old-time party followers.

### Rev. Charles Crusoe.

The Rev. Charles Crusoe, Episcopal Missionary for Eastern Kentucky, held service and preached at the M. E. Church in this city last Friday evening. On the following Sunday morning he preached for the pastor, the Rev. Dr. Hanford. Mr. Crusoe is an effective speaker, and both his sermons were well received. He left Monday for Jenkins where he will probably build a church.

### Dr. Wellman Hurt.

Dr. Ira Wellman, of this city, came near being a deadman on Monday last. He was coming down the "town hill," horseback, when his critter stumbled and fell. In the fall the doctor's left knee was badly wrenched and one of his toes was dislocated. He is going about but when he takes an unguarded step he says "ouch," if nothing else.

## BIG SANDIANS IN TEXAS.

### Rev. F. F. Shannon Writes About Rev. Ernest Robinson and Wife.

"I cannot speak too highly of the ministry of Amarillo. I dare say that it would be almost impossible to gather a finer, more capable fraternal Christian company of high toned gentlemen than represent your ministry. As to my friend and first presiding elder, Dr. Ernest Robinson, it would not be safe for me to speak at length, lest I should violate the apostle's injunction to be temperate in all things. And yet, as the editors and people well know, it would be hard to say too much of the man and his work. His strong sermons—wonderfully eloquent, and inspiring—fill his great auditorium Sunday after Sunday, while his pastoral heart beats out its tides of helpfulness toward all; and last, but not least, his influence as a great citizen is felt in every direction. And surely Dr. Robinson has a tower of strength in his noble and accomplished wife."

Rev. F. F. Shannon in Amarillo, Tex., Daily News.

The Dr. and Mrs. Ernest Robinson spoken of in the foregoing are "native and to the manner born" of Big Sandy. If the NEWS mistake not both were born in or near Prestonsburg. Mrs. Robinson is the daughter of John Johns, and her mother was a May. Both are well known in Louisa.

### HAS WARD IN MEXICO.

The Young People's Missionary Society of the M. E. Church South, this city, is paying for the education of a girl in a school in Mexico. The name of the girl is Isa Walker Nash, for Mrs. G. A. Nash, of Louisa. The tuition costs forty dollars yearly.

### SOLICITOR WANTED.

An active man to make a thorough canvass of the country districts for the Big Sandy News. Apply at this office.

### Attempt to Assault.

On last Monday afternoon a man giving the name of Sol. Wright went to the house of Henry Akers, who lives on the waters of Lick creek, three or four miles from this place, and asked for a drink of water, which was given to him by Mrs. Akers. She was alone, except for the presence of one or two little children. This fact was noticed by Wright who, after going a few yards from the house turned and whistled. He also shook a bush to attract the attention of Mrs. Akers, who asked him what he wanted. He told her to come out to him and threatened to shoot her. This greatly terrified the woman, and she ran from the house in the direction of a neighbor's, crying and screaming. Wright became alarmed and hastily left in another direction. Mrs. Akers told of what had occurred, and as soon as possible a posse gave chase. A warrant had been issued for Wright's arrest, and he was caught Tuesday night at the house of Jim Miller, brought to town and lodged in jail to await trial. Mrs. Akers is a daughter of Marion Wilson, and a granddaughter of Mordecai Wilson, of Louisa. Her husband is a son of John Akers, who formerly lived here.

### A New City Marshal.

On Wednesday night the city council elected Bascom Muncey marshal in place of Milt Evans, resigned. Mr. Muncey qualified, with William Justice and Augustus Snyder sureties. Bunk Smith was a candidate to succeed Evans but was defeated by a vote of 4 to 2.

It is to be regretted that the council thought it proper or necessary to dispense with the services of a night marshal. During the hours of daylight a town of the size and character of Louisa can pretty nearly take care of itself. As a class our people are orderly and well disposed. There are no saloons, and disturbances are rare. At night, however, it becomes somewhat different. It is not necessary to go in to particulars, everybody understands the situation, and to leave the town almost without protection during the night is a mistaken policy. The financial condition of the town, it is said makes the curtailment of the force necessary. The new marshal says he will devote all the time possible to night service.

### After Many Years.

Last week Mrs. Zara Johnson, of this city, had the pleasure of having all her sons with her at one and the same time, the first time in 14 years. The boys grew up around their loved and venerated mother, but now they are compelled by the demands of business to live, some of them, far from her. Major W. O. Johnson, U. S. A., will return to the Philippines next month. Frank lives in Pueblo, Col., "Dick" is a professor in the Eastern Kentucky Normal School at Richmond, and John lives in Ashland, where he is the trusted man of business in the Northern Coal & Coke Co. Each of these men, the oldest still in the prime of life, is a native Louisan. All have done well in their respective vocations, and their many friends here hope that they and their good mother may have many happy reunions.

### HELD THE LUCKY NUMBER.

The drawing for the handsome dining room set, table, chairs and china, offered by the Naah Clothing Co., was held last Saturday afternoon. Duplicates of the numbers held were put into a big box, well shaken up, and a blindfolded man did the drawing. The number drawn was 1259, and Clyde Copley, of this city held it, thereby winning the prize. The drawing was conducted by a committee of three citizens and was perfectly fair.

Girls, Mr. Copley is marriageable and unmarried!

### NEARS COMPLETION.

The Elkhorn dam, the largest concrete dam ever attempted in Eastern Kentucky, being built across Elkhorn Creek, in the city of Jenkins, nears completion. The dam in question will contain an even 5,000 yards of concrete and will hold about 100,000,000 gallons of water.